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# THAT'S NOT OSWALD IN THE COFFIN

**CONTROVERSY** surrounding an amazing photo has deepened the mystery about who is buried in Lee Harvey Oswald's grave... even his widow now believes the coffin may have been tampered with.

The man who took the picture — a former police officer — claims it was snapped at the funeral of John Kennedy's killer, just before the coffin was closed and lowered into the ground.

But the assassin's widow, Marina, says the man in the photo is not Oswald.

"It's ridiculous... it's not true," she told

GLOBE. "That is not a picture of Lee. I don't know who it is, but I know it's not Lee."

Marina, who is now married to Dallas businessman Kenneth Porter, also denies that the photo shows the man buried on Nov. 25, 1963, in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth.

"Lee had an open-casket funeral and I was there," she says. "I saw him in the coffin, just before they put him in the ground. And the man who went into that grave looks nothing like the picture."

"Lee was just 24. The man in the picture looks between 35 and 40 — just look at the forehead. Lee was balding and this man has a very heavy, thick head of dark hair."

Nevertheless, Marina now believes that Oswald's body may have been removed from the grave after the funeral service.

"I know it was Lee who went into the ground," she says. "That it was Lee who was killed by Jack Ruby, that it was Lee who brought me to America from Russia — and not some KGB assassin, as some people claim."

"But all this talk has me wondering if someone hasn't tampered with the grave — perhaps even removed Lee's body from it."



**MARINA:** The grave may have been tampered with.

Her claim that the man in the photo is not the one she saw buried is backed by Paul Grudy, the mortician who prepared the body for burial, and Rocky Stone, the police officer assigned to guard Oswald between the time he was killed and the time he was buried.

Grudy told GLOBE: "The picture shows the body to have such a thick neck — that's not the embalming job I did. In an autopsy case, which this was, you could not possibly get that kind of look."

Stone also denies that the man in the photo is Oswald.

"I was at the funeral home when Oswald got there," he told GLOBE. "And I never lost sight of him from the time they dressed him until they dropped him in the hole."

A spokesman for Associated Press (AP) the agency that circulated the photo,

## Wife of JFK's killer examines sensational new photo — and reveals her fears



**OSWALD...** In custody after the Kennedy killing.

says AP does not claim the man in the picture is Oswald.

"We ran the picture because the man who took it claimed he'd taken it just before Oswald was buried," the spokesman told GLOBE.

"If that's true, then the man who was buried was not Oswald."

The photographer is a former police officer and a reputable man. We didn't use the picture on the say-so of some crank."

The spokesman adds that the ex-policeman sold the photo to AP on condition that his name would not be made public.

Doubts about who is buried in Oswald's grave were first raised by British investigator Michael Eddowes who, along with Dallas attorney Gerry Pittman, claims that a Soviet spy rests in the grave and

that Oswald may be alive in Russia.

Now Oswald's widow has joined Eddowes in calling for the grave to be opened and the body exhumed.

"I want the exhumation to prove that it is Lee in the grave," she says.

So far all efforts to have the body exhumed have been blocked by Oswald's brother, Robert.

Marina says: "Frankly, Robert's objections surprise me. I thought he would be as anxious as I am to settle the matter once and for all."



**PHOTO** supposedly shows Oswald in casket shortly before his burial. But the mortician who worked on Oswald's body at the time says: "That's not the embalming job I did."